

REMARKS

Response to Restriction Requirement

The Examiner requires restriction to one of the following five Groups:

- Group I:** Claims 1-3, drawn to BACE455 polypeptides and their fragments.
- Group II:** Claims 4-6 and 9-11, drawn to polynucleotides encoding BACE455 polypeptide, host cells and vectors.
- Group III:** Claims 12-14, drawn to a ligand able to bind a BACE455 polypeptide.
- Group IV:** Claim 15, drawn to a BACE455 inhibitor.
- Group V:** Claims 17-18, drawn to a method of treating clinical conditions by administration of BACE455 inhibitor.

Applicant hereby provisionally elects **Group III**, which covers claims 12-14, drawn to, according to the Examiner, a ligand able to bind a BACE455 polypeptide, **without traverse**. Applicant reserves the right to file one or more divisional and/or continuation applications directed to the non-elected subject matter.

CONCLUSION

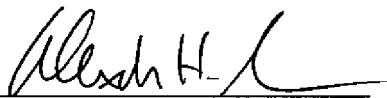
In view of the above remarks, early notification of a favorable consideration is respectfully requested. An indication of allowance of all claims is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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